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**Betsy Knotts** is the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Tennessee State Board of Equalization. In this role, she assists the Executive Secretary in hearing statewide property tax appeals, reviewing tax exemptions, and providing research and support to the Tennessee General Assembly. Betsy is also Senior Counsel to the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury for Public Finance. In this capacity, she serves as counsel to the Utility Management Review Board and the Water and Wastewater Financing Board and provides legal guidance to all the divisions within the Comptroller's Office with a special emphasis on tax incentive programs, public utilities, and local government financial transactions.



Prior to joining the Comptroller's Office in November 2013, Betsy practiced public finance law at the Texas Attorney General's Office and also worked for the Tennessee Attorney General's Financial Division. She is a member of both the Texas and Tennessee Bar.

Betsy is a Fulbright Scholar and a graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans where she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and German Literature. She received her Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Civil Law from the Paul M. Hebert Louisiana State University Law Center in Baton Rouge. Betsy is also a member of LEAD Tennessee's Class of 2016 and President of the Tennessee Chapter of Women in Public Finance.

Betsy and her husband Chris have two children, Madeline and Simon, and a labradoodle named Oliver. Betsy and her husband are both interested in music, and Betsy has even been known to compare transactional law to music theory.

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